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Hangar (No 53) and the buildings No 38 and 43 which had previously been occupied by Unit Igoryev. These buildings also were to be renovated before being re-occupied. Tank truck [redacted] belonged to Unit Koslov.

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2. [redacted] the airfield was to be turned over to the VPL under the supervision of the Soviets.

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3. No air activity was observed at the field nor were aircraft parked there on 2, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19 December, except on 8 and 14 December, when 4 and 2 Po-2s respectively were parked in front of the hangar. On the aforementioned days, the field was observed for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

4. The following observations were made in the Weisse Stadt restricted area and at the airfield:

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7 December. Between 0830 and 0930, large quantities of billeting equipment and new boxes, each about 1 x 1 x 1 meter, were stored at the side of the rails. At about 0900, 25 to 30 cars, most of them boxcars and some flatcars were shunted to the spur track. Loading work was immediately started by 50 to 60 soldiers. The crates were lifted on the flatcars by means of a hoisting gear mounted on a truck. Truck [redacted] with about 10 air force soldiers, moved from the Weisse Stadt Settlement to the spur track. The number plate was apparently newly fitted on the truck. The Weisse Stadt was still occupied by 300 to 400 men. The soldiers entering and leaving the installation wore blue epaulets with air force insignia.

8 December. Between 0830 and 0930, no military activity was observed in the air force section of Weisse Stadt. The spur track on the airfield was vacant. A large fuel container with an estimated capacity of at least 15,000 liters was seen near the track.

9 December. Between 0830 and 1030, furniture, crates and all sorts of billeting equipment were trucked from Weisse Stadt to the airfield. The [redacted] were observed on 3 trucks employed there. The numbers had definitely been newly fitted. Three trucks in front of building No 53 in Weisse Stadt were loaded with equipment. When these trucks left for the airfield, it was noticed that they were apparently newly painted and had no motor vehicle numbers. The equipment was unloaded from the trucks next to the spur track on the airfield. Railroad cars had not yet arrived. The air force trucks were still parked on the dispersal area at the corner formed by Thaelmann Strasse and Rudolf Breitscheid Strasse. Van-like truck [redacted] came from the direction of the town and passed through the northern entrance.

11 December. Between 0830 and 0930, no military activity was observed in Weisse Stadt. No changes in the occupation strength were noticed. No vehicular traffic or shipment of equipment to the spur track on the field was observed. The air force trucks were still parked on the dispersal area west of building No 35. The equipment which had been transported to the spur track on 10 December was no longer seen there. It had presumably been loaded and shipped away on the same day.

13 December. Between 1200 and 1330, no military activity was observed in the Weisse Stadt Settlement. The traffic by pedestrians was apparently reduced considerably. Also the number of air force dependents in the Weisse Stadt had apparently been decreased. Trucks [redacted] passed through the northern gate of Weisse Stadt.

14 December. The occupation strength was estimated at 200 men. Incoming and outgoing soldiers wore blue epaulets with air force insignia. No military activity was observed in the object. The upper floors of buildings Nos 52 and 53 were apparently unoccupied. Only the windows on the ground floor had curtains. The quartering buildings Nos 1, 2, 3, 16 and 17 also seemed to be unoccupied. There was heavy pedestrian traffic in the area of the quartering buildings with about 50 soldiers being seen. The air force trucks were still parked west of building No 35.

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18 December. Between 100 and 1145, at least 10 boxcars were seen on the spur track. [redacted] of billeting equipment was being unloaded by 50 to 80 air force [redacted] about 5 trucks which subsequently moved to Weisse Stadt. The [redacted] strength had apparently increased to 200 to 300 men. Traffic in [redacted] area had considerably intensified. Trucks loaded with billeting [redacted] moved from the spur track of the field to the Weisse Stadt. The individual places of destination in [redacted] Weisse Stadt [redacted] be determined, Brand-new tables painted gray were being unloaded [redacted] at least 2 trucks in front of building No 50. The assumption [redacted] of the old air force unit were still quartered in the [redacted] supported by the fact that an air force major who had been [redacted] at least 6 months was still observed on 18 December, and by the [redacted] that an air force soldier who for months had daily been seen carrying a [redacted] truck sack from Weisse Stadt [redacted] [redacted] still conducted this [redacted]. The trucks [redacted] were seen passing through the northern gate of [redacted]

19 December. Between 0815 and 0930, 10 boxcars, [REDACTED] presumably been unloaded [REDACTED] loading day and about 5 flatcars [REDACTED] at the side were seen [REDACTED] track. Some billeting equipment [REDACTED] locked next to the track. No [REDACTED] activity was observed in Weiss [REDACTED] there was rather intensive [REDACTED] traffic between the individual [REDACTED] At 0815, about 25 [REDACTED] the windows of the following buildings were lighted: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 54 through 58. The buildings Nos. 3, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 54 through 58 were lighted. About 15 tank trucks and [REDACTED] which were [REDACTED] parked on the parking site west of [REDACTED] No 35.

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9 December. At 1230, an armored personnel carrier with an antenna and a wooden hut with an antenna on top, and a pipe from which a large moved from the field toward the northern section of Weiss. At 1830, a column of three trucks left the ramp at the occupied by the service color could not be observed.

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16 December. Between 1500 and 1545, no military activity was observed in Weisse Stadt which was occupied by an estimated 150 men. About 25 trucks which had previously been parked west of building No 35 were no longer seen. Only about 15 tank trucks were parked there. No activity was observed on the airfield or near the spur track. Numerous 200-liter fuel containers were stored under a roof east of the hangar. Some air force soldiers were engaged in covering the side walls with boards.

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5. On 8 and 9 December, no air activity was observed at the field. At 1415 on 10 December, individual flights were made by Po-2s. One Po-2 landed at the field coming from the east. There was no air activity at the field between 11 and 15 December and from 17 to 20 December. On 16 December, 2 or 3 Po-2s practiced flying although there was high fog.

6. The following vehicular traffic was observed between Weisse Stadt and the airfield:

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